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SUBJ: PRIVATE SECRETARY TO ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR  
WATER AND POWER ARRESTED ON ESPIONAGE CHARGES

1. TWO WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS HAVE REPORTED THE ARREST OF VIJAYA KUMAR CHAPAGAI ON CHARGES OF HAVING SOLD OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS AND BLACKMAIL. CHAPAGAI IS PRIVATE SECRETARBRQO DHYAN BAHADUR RAI, ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR WATER AND POWER. ACCORDING TO RUMORS QUOTED IN THE PAPERS, POLICE FOUND CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS AND THE SUM OF 25,000 RUPEES (APPROXIMATELY \$2,500) IN CHAPAGAI'S RESIDENCE. POLICUJ ARE REPORTEDLY INVESTIGATING FURTHER TO DETERMINE THE IDENTITIES OF ANY OTHERS ENGAGED IN THE ESPIONAGE ACTIVITY. ONE WEEKLY CONTENDS THAT THE POLICE INVESTIAGTION "IS EXPECTED TO EXPOSE A WATERGATE-LIKE SCANDAL IN NEPAL." IN 1971 CHAPAGAI WAS ARRESTED AND JAILED FOR HAVING CRITICIZED THE PANCHAYAT SE TEMXG

2. COMMENT: IN A CONVERSATION ON AUGUST 19, DCM LEARNED FROM FORMER PRIME MINISTER KIRTI NIDHI BISTA THAT RAI HAD ALSO BEEN IMPLICATED IN THE SCANDAL AND MIGHT BE FORCED TO RESIGN HIS POST. BISTA STATED THAT INDIA WAS THE INTENDED RECIPIENT OF THE DOCUMENTS. CARGO  
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